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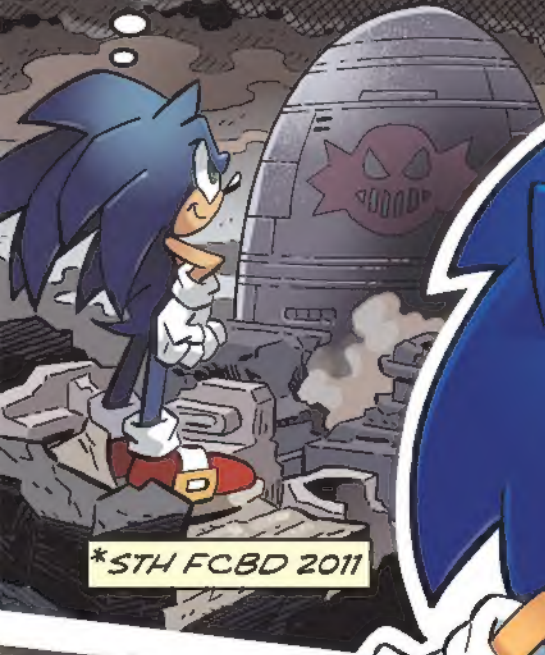


IT'S BEEN RIGHT IN FRONT OF US THIS WHOLE TIME...

IT SEEMED LIKE HE WAS PUTTING ALL HIS ATTENTION ON BUILDING UP THE EGGDOME BEFORE HE LOST HIS MARBLES.

AND THEN HE UP AND VANISHED, WHICH, TO ME, MEANS HE'S GOT TO BE HIDING IN THERE...

I KNOW IT'S REALLY SUSPICIOUS THAT DR. ROBOTNIK AND SNIVELY HAVE BEEN MISSING SINCE THEN, BUT YOU WOULD THINK THEY'D HAVE ATTACKED BY NOW, RIGHT?



*STH FCBD 2011



*STH #212

...AND WE'VE SEEN ROTOR'S PEOPLE USED AS LABORERS AND SECURITY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SOMETHING. IT LOOKS LIKE A RE-FUELING STATION, BUT IT'S WAY TOO BIG.



*STH #215

IT DON'T MATTER WHAT THIS REFINERY IS FOR! IT DON'T MATTER HE'S BUILT A REFUELIN' STATION FOR SOMETHING BIGGER THAN HE'S EVER FLOWN.



*STH #218

WELCOME TO THE PLANET *MOBIUS*--
A WORLD *UNIQUE AND BEYOND* WHAT
YOU KNOW FROM THE *SEGA GAMES*--
WHERE *SONIC* AND THE HEROIC
FREEDOM FIGHTERS WORK TO
SAVE THE WORLD FROM THE
FORCES OF EVIL!

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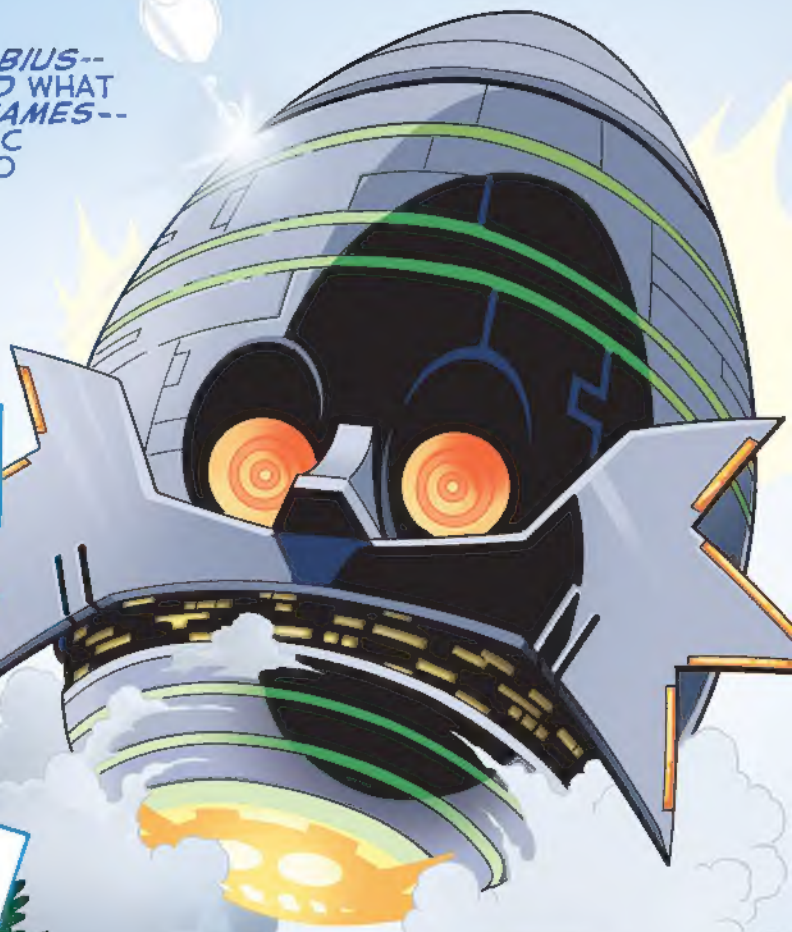
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HOW DID
WE MISS IT?
THE EGGDOME
WASN'T JUST A
BUNKER. HE
WAS REBUILDING
THE *DEATH*
EGG!



DR. IVO "EGGMAN"
ROBOTNIK
WORLD CONQUEROR



SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG
HERO OF MOBIUS



SALLY ACORN
FREEDOM FIGHTER
LEADER



IXIS NAUGUS
EVIL WIZARD AND
WOULD-BE KING

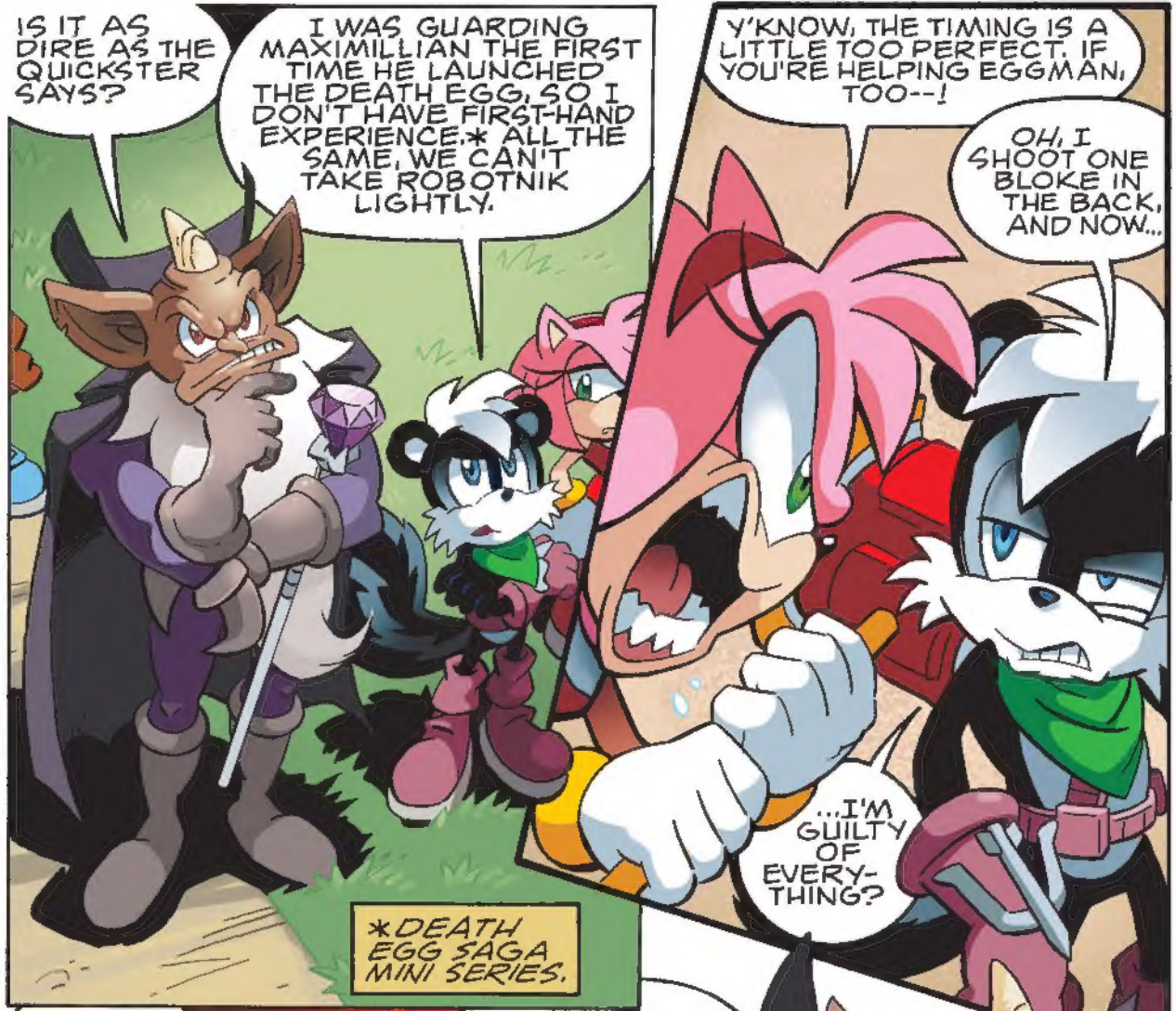


**ONE STEP
FORWARD...**



SONIC!
SONIC! IT-IT-IT'S THE--

YEAH, TODAY
JUST KEEPS
GETTING BETTER,
DOESN'T IT?



IS IT AS
DIRE AS THE
QUICKSTER
SAYS?

I WAS GUARDING
MAXIMILLIAN THE FIRST
TIME HE LAUNCHED
THE DEATH EGG, SO I
DON'T HAVE FIRST-HAND
EXPERIENCE.* ALL THE
SAME, WE CAN'T
TAKE ROBOTNIK
LIGHTLY.

Y'KNOW, THE TIMING IS A
LITTLE TOO PERFECT. IF
YOU'RE HELPING EGGMAN,
TOO--!

OH, I
SHOOT ONE
BLOKE IN
THE BACK,
AND NOW...

...I'M
GUILTY OF
EVERY-
THING?

*DEATH
EGG SAGA
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NAUGLUS...

...DR. ROBOTNIK
HAS BEEN IN
HIDING FOR
WEEKS. IF HE'S
MAKING A PLAY
THIS BIG, HE'LL
HAVE THE ABILITY
TO BACK IT UP.

FOR THE
GOOD OF THE
KINGDOM,
WE'RE GOING
TO HAVE TO
CALL A TRUCE
FOR NOW.



AGREED.

I WILL NOT LET MY KINGDOM FALL TO THAT VILLAIN!

HH
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA HA!

IT'S GOT TO BE AN ACT. NOBODY CAN NATURALLY BE THAT CREEPY.



BUT HE'S GOT THE RIGHT IDEA. WE NEED TO STOP THAT THING BEFORE ROBOTNIK USES IT. SCRAMBLE THE FF, SPECIAL AND THE TORNADO! SONIC AND TAILS ARE WITH ME. ANTOINE, TAKE BUNNIE, AMY, AND GEOFFREY.

YOU WANT ME TO COME ALONG?

I WANT YOU WHERE WE CAN SEE YOU. ALSO, I'M COUNTING ON THIS BEING DANGEROUS ENOUGH TO KEEP YOU FROM DOING SOMETHING STUPID.

AND WE WILL BE WATCHING OUR BACKS.



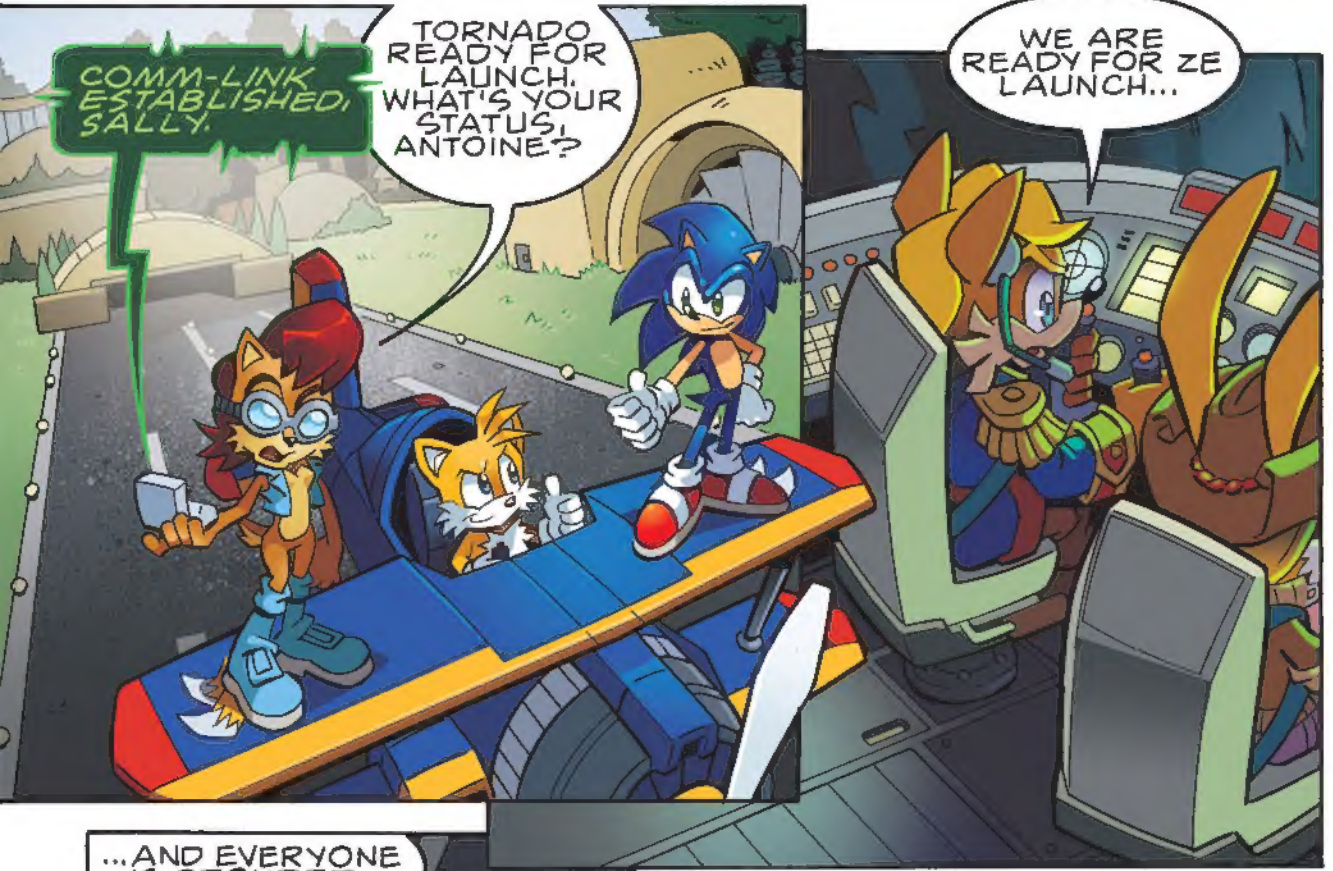
SOON--KING
FREDERICK
AIRFIELD.



COMM-LINK
ESTABLISHED,
SALLY.

TORNADO
READY FOR
LAUNCH.
WHAT'S YOUR
STATUS,
ANTOINE?

WE ARE
READY FOR ZE
LAUNCH...



...AND EVERYONE
IS SECURED.

YOU'RE
NOT ALL THAT
THREATENING,
LUV.

KEEP
TELLING
YOURSELF
THAT.



DEATH EGG--
CONTROL
ROOM...

CHAOS
EMERALD ENERGY
FEED IS STABLE.
ENGINES ARE AT
OPTIMAL BURN.

OPERATION:
CLEAN SWEEP IS
CHARGING, AND
ALL SYSTEMS
ARE GREEN.

GOOD, GOOD.
EVERYTHING
IS RUNNING
LIKE CLOCK-
WORK.

SIR!
WE HAVE
RESISTANCE
INBOUND!

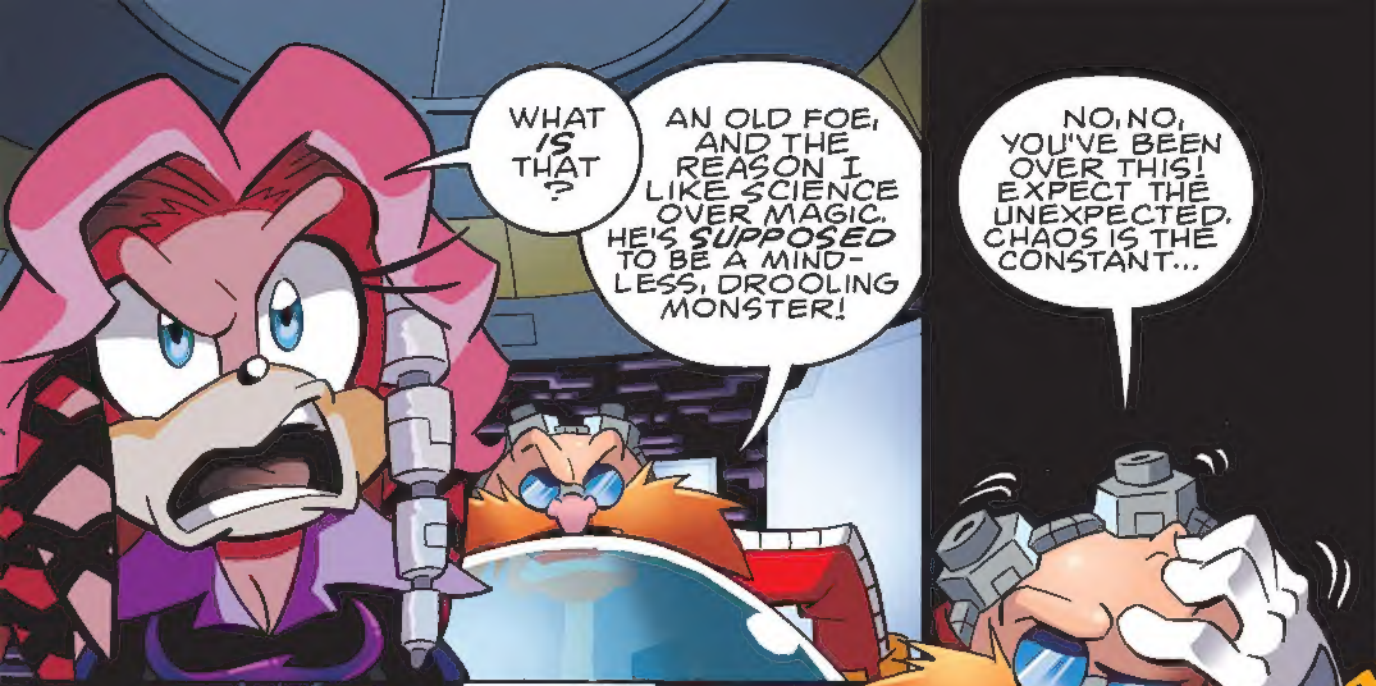
HA
HA HA!
RIGHT ON
TIME!
DOES THE
RODENT
LOOK
WORRIED,
SNIVELY?

ACTUALLY,
SIR, IT'S IXIS
NAUGUS!

NAUGUS
?!

UGH!





WHAT IS THAT?

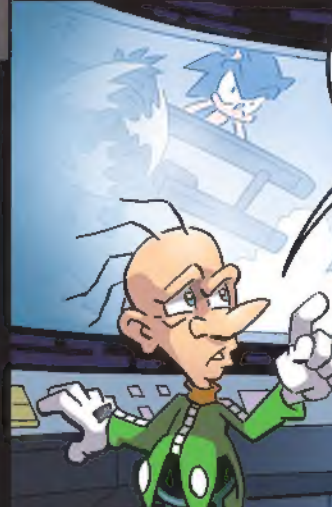
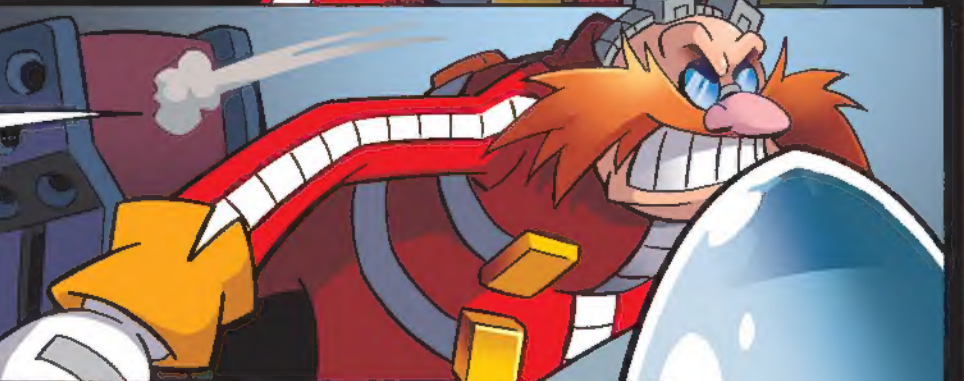
AN OLD FOE, AND THE REASON I LIKE SCIENCE OVER MAGIC, HE'S SUPPOSED TO BE A MINDLESS, DROOLING MONSTER!

NO, NO, YOU'VE BEEN OVER THIS! EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED. CHAOS IS THE CONSTANT...



MORE RESISTANCE INBOUND! CONFIRMED FREEDOM FIGHTER AIRCRAFT!

THAT'S MORE LIKE IT! AUTHORIZE ALL AUTOMATED DEFENSES! DON'T BOTHER WITH THE HEDGEHOG!



EXCUSE ME, SIR... BUT... DON'T AIM AT SONIC?

YOU HEARD ME! YOU'D NEVER HIT HIM ANYWAY. SHOOT DOWN THE REST!





QUITE THE IMPRESSIVE CONSTRUCT! BUT AS WITH ALL SYNTHETIC THINGS...



...IT IS AT THE MERCY OF MY CRYSTALLINE MAGIC! YOUR FORTRESS WILL BE MINE! HHHHHHHHHHA-HA-HA-HA!

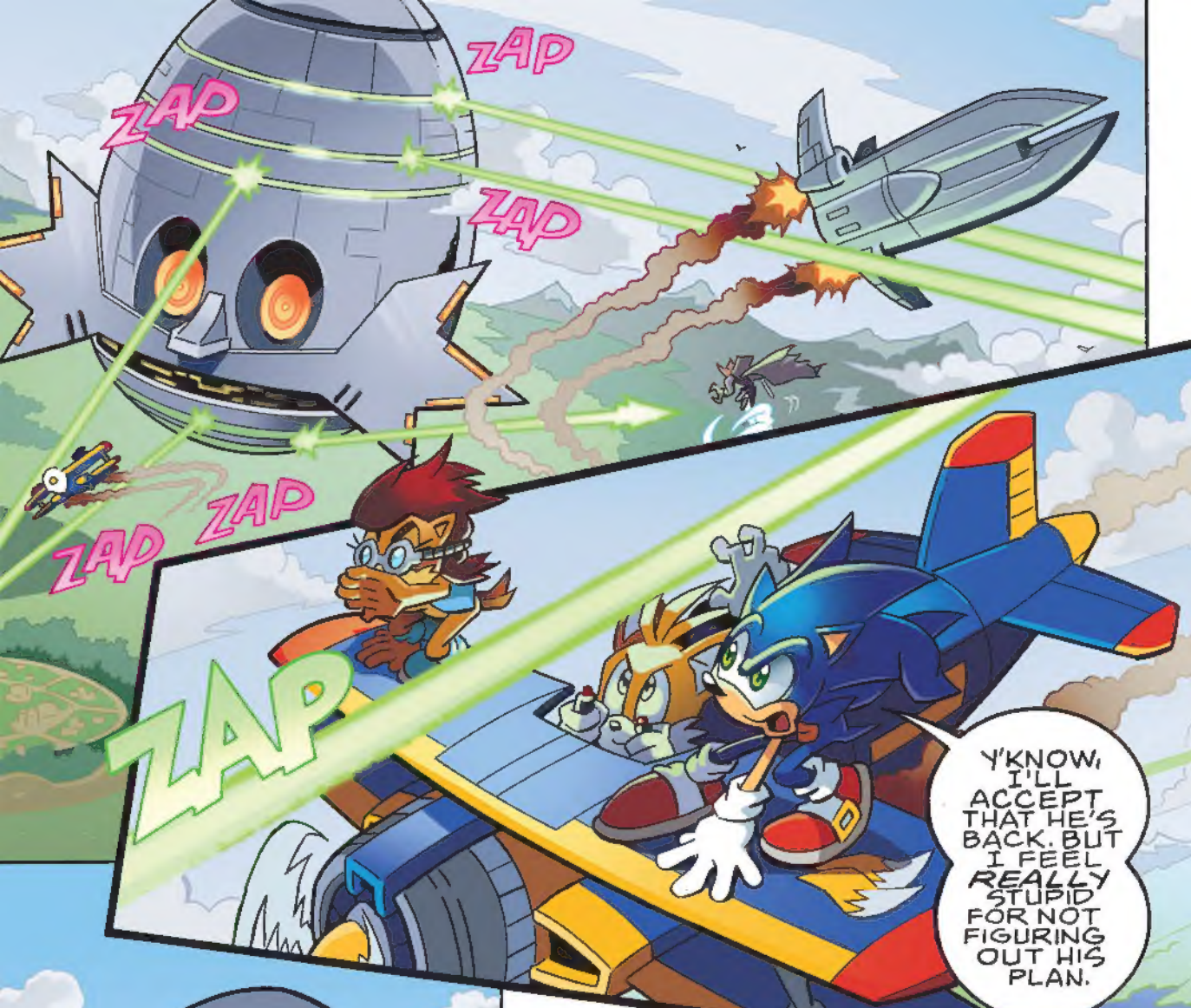


HA-HA-HUH?! IT RESISTS? WHAT SORCERY IS THIS?!



POWER RING INTERNAL MATRIX HOLDING, SIR.

SEE, SNIVELY? WITH AN ARMY OF SLAVE LABORERS, YOU CAN COLLECT ENOUGH RINGS TO ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING!



ZAP ZAP

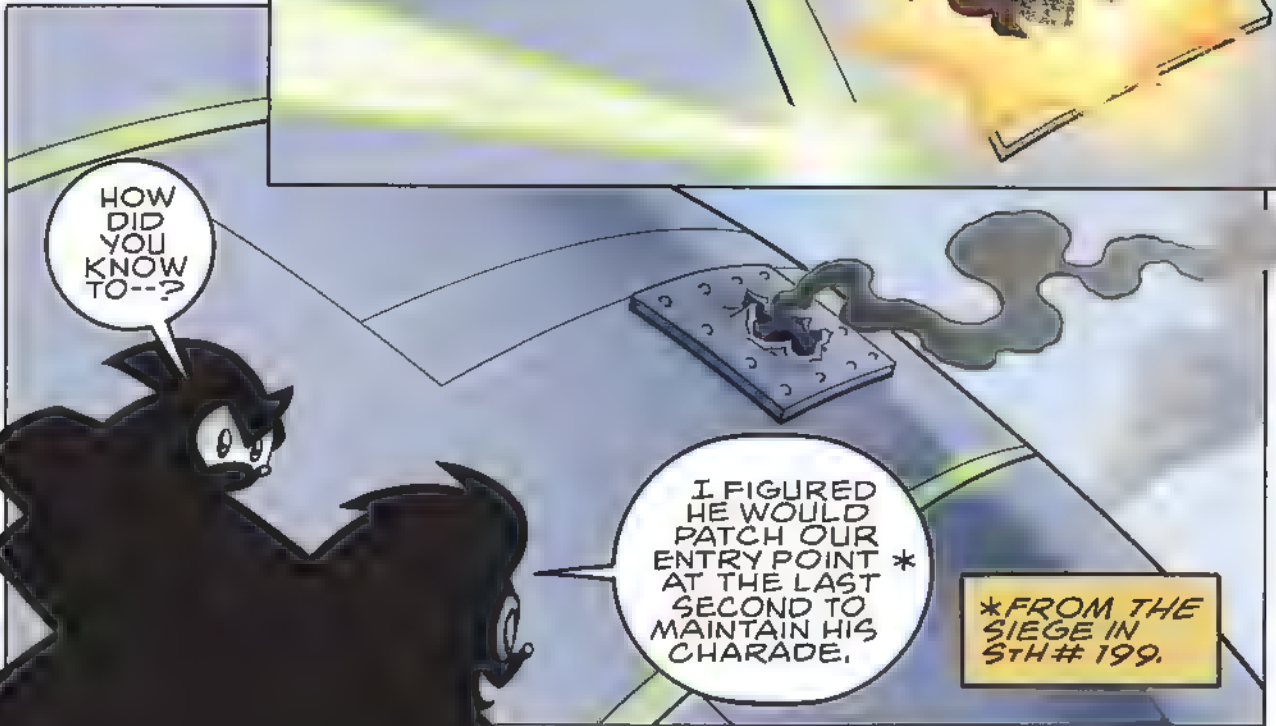
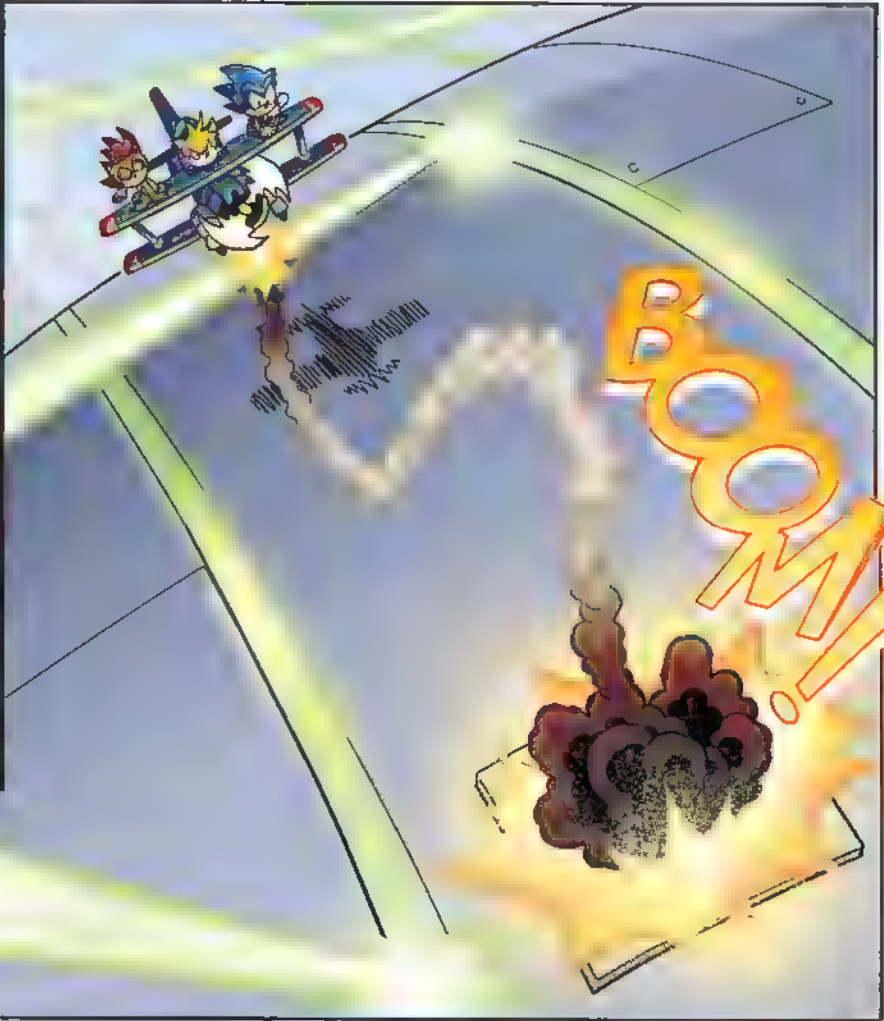
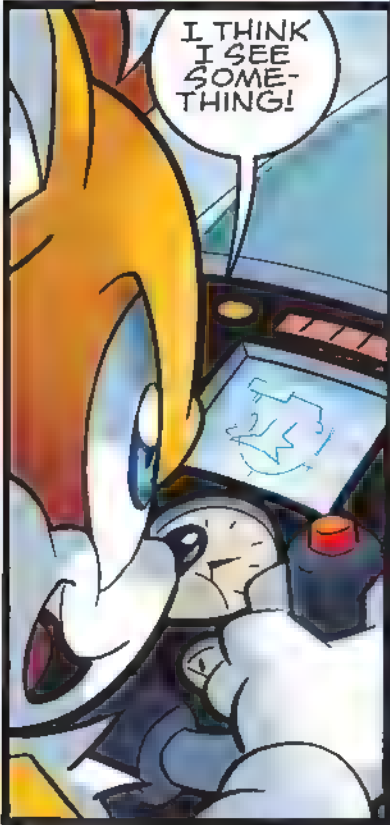
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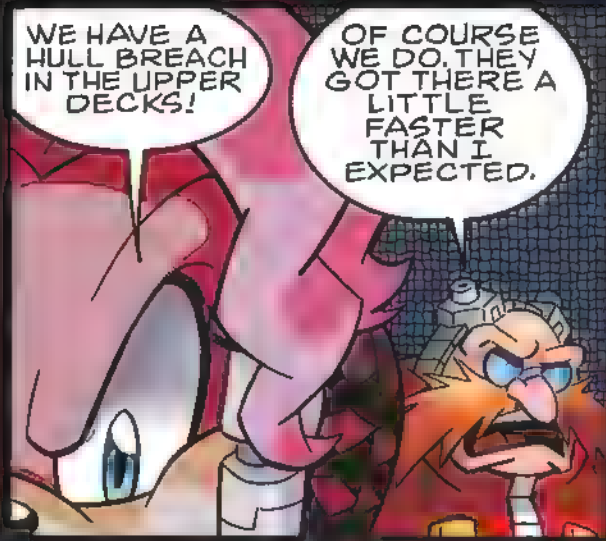
Y'KNOW, I'LL ACCEPT THAT HE'S BACK. BUT I FEEL REALLY STUPID FOR NOT FIGURING OUT HIS PLAN.



I MEAN, WE SEARCHED ALL OVER THAT STUPID PLACE! MULTIPLE TIMES!

SO IF THAT'S THE NORTH-FACING WALL...





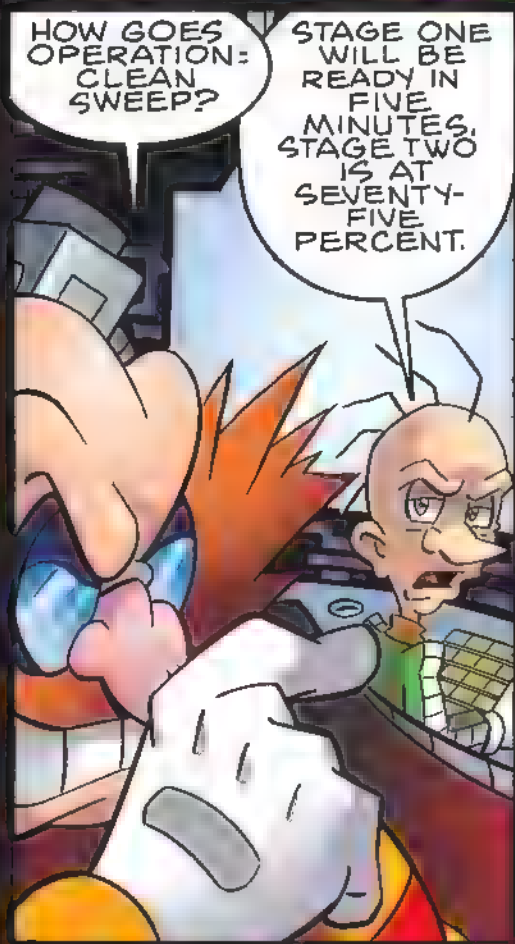
WE HAVE A HULL BREACH IN THE UPPER DECKS!

OF COURSE WE DO. THEY GOT THERE A LITTLE FASTER THAN I EXPECTED.



DO YOU WANT THEM TO RUIN EVERYTHING BEFORE--?!

TCH-TCH-TCH. NOT NOW.

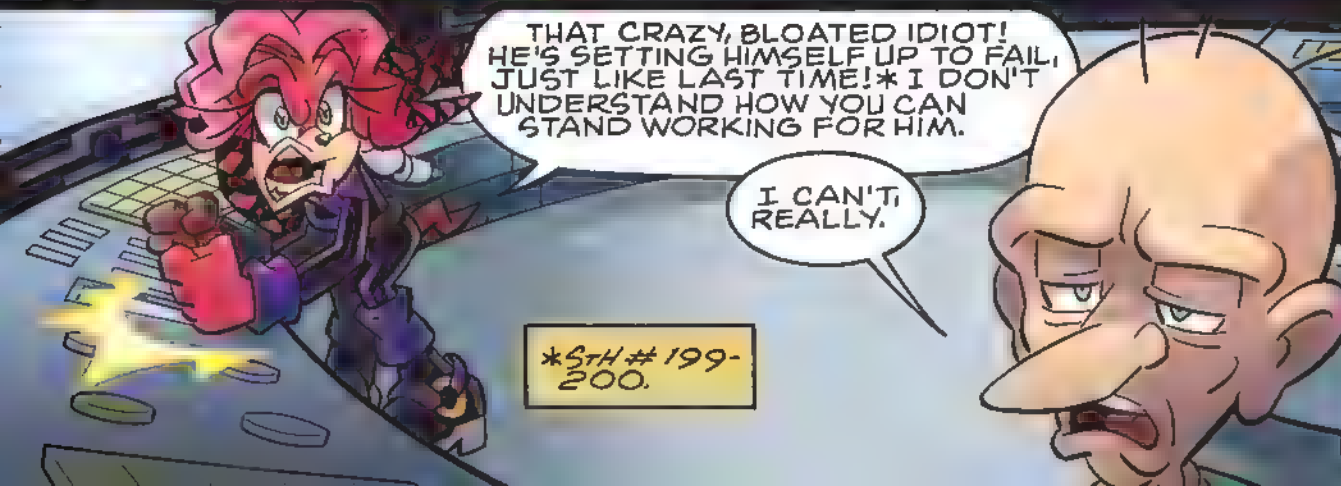


HOW GOES OPERATION: CLEAN SWEEP?

STAGE ONE WILL BE READY IN FIVE MINUTES. STAGE TWO IS AT SEVENTY-FIVE PERCENT.



AH, I LOVE IT WHEN A PLAN COMES TOGETHER! STAY ON COURSE. I'M GOING TO PERSONALLY OVERSEE THE ACTIVATIONS.



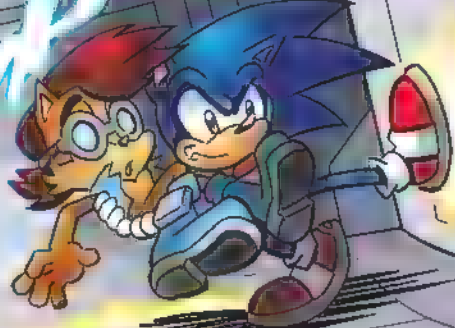
THAT CRAZY, BLOATED IDIOT! HE'S SETTING HIMSELF UP TO FAIL! JUST LIKE LAST TIME! *I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW YOU CAN STAND WORKING FOR HIM.

I CAN'T REALLY.

*STH# 199-200.



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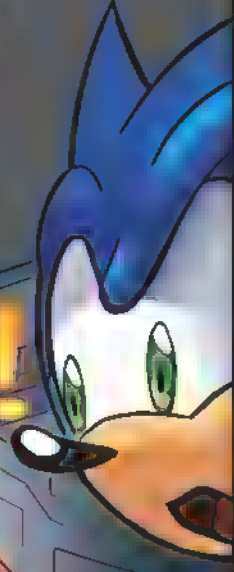
SO WHERE TO, SALLY?

I'M NOT SURE.

ROBOTNIK HID THE LOWER DECKS FROM US PERFECTLY. WE ALSO HAVE TO CONSIDER THE HALLWAYS WE SEARCHED BEFORE AS JUST DECOYS...

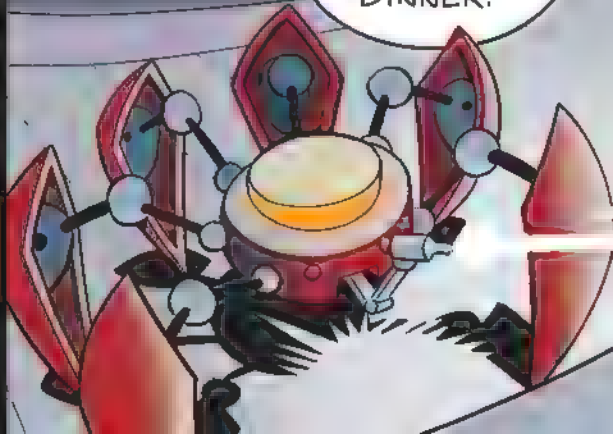


SLAM!



LOOKS LIKE THE DOC INSISTS WE STAY FOR DINNER.

AND IT CUTS US OFF FROM ANY CHANCE AT BACK-UP. WE'RE ON OUR OWN.





OR I COULD, Y'KNOW, SMASH THAT ROBOT. IT'S KIND OF MY THING.

NO. THIS IS CLASSIC ROBOTNIK EGOTISM. HE'S INVITING US INTO HIS TRAP, AND WE'LL USE THAT TO OUR ADVANTAGE. WE DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT HE'S UP TO YET.

ANYTHING, NICOLE?

JUST AS BEFORE
S...
NOTHING.



AND...HOW ARE YOU HOLDING UP?

I WOULD PREFER TO FOCUS ON THE MISSION RIGHT NOW.



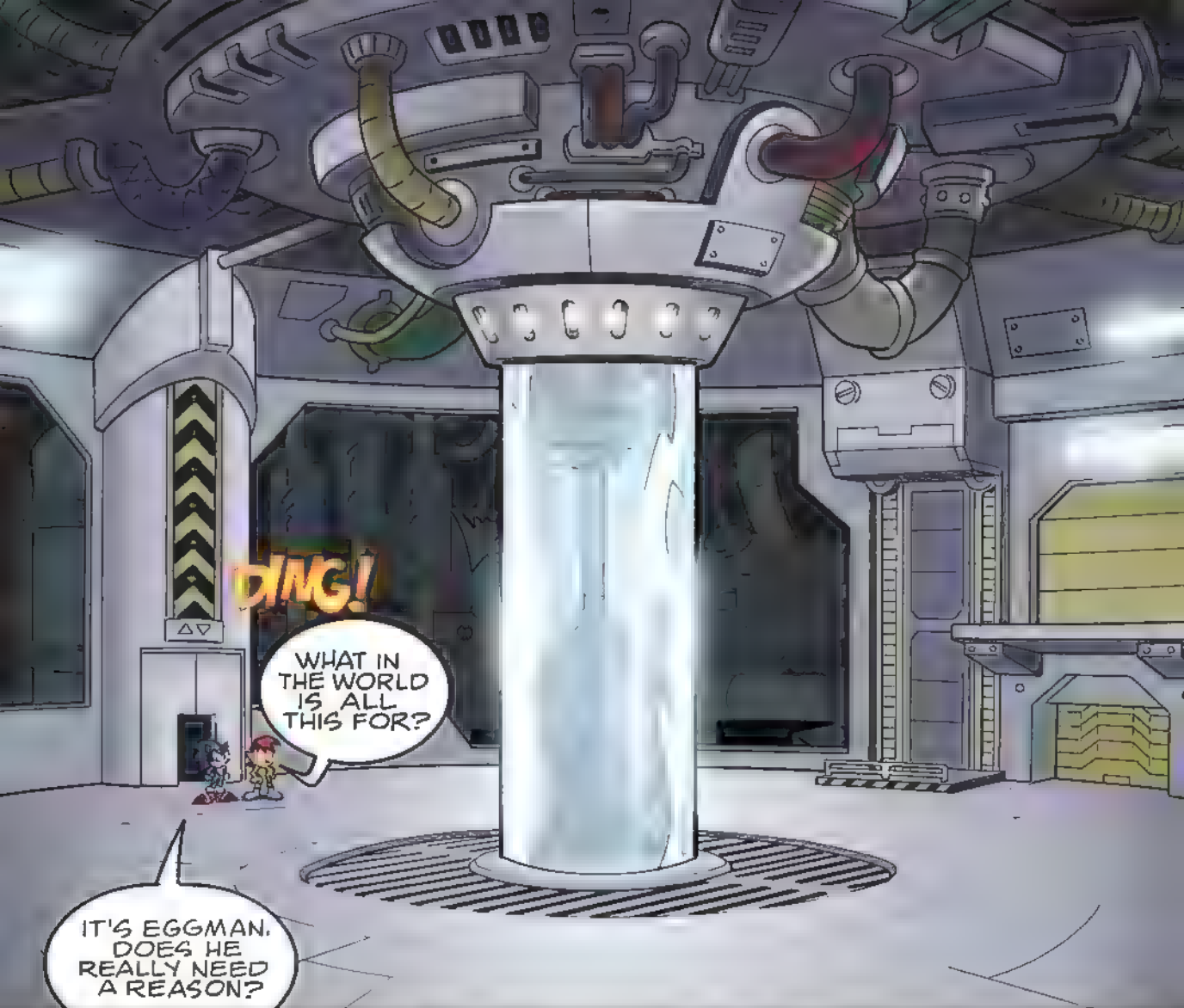
I UNDERSTAND. WE'LL TALK ONCE THIS IS... **EEP!**

SWOOP!



THIS IS ADDING INSULT TO INJURY. I SEARCHED THIS HALLWAY HOW MANY TIMES, AND THIS STUPID ELEVATOR WAS HERE ALL ALONG?

FOCUS, SONIC. BE READY FOR ANYTHING.



DING!

WHAT IN THE WORLD IS ALL THIS FOR?

IT'S EGGMAN. DOES HE REALLY NEED A REASON?

WELCOME! WELCOME! IT FEELS LIKE IT'S BEEN AGES SINCE OUR LAST GET TOGETHER!

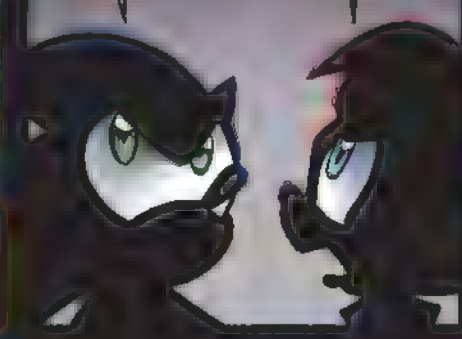
I'LL ADMIT, I MISS KICKING YOUR WIDE BUTT, VERY EASY ON THE OL' SNEAKERS.

IT'S REFRESHING TO KNOW YOUR BATTLES WITH THE IRON QUEEN DIDN'T DULL THAT OBNOXIOUS STREAK OF YOURS, IN A MASOCHISTIC WAY, I MEAN.

NOTHING'S CHANGED, DOC! COME ON OUT SO WE CAN TUSSELE FOR OLD TIME'S SAKE!

SONIC, SOMETHING'S COMING UP THE ELEVATOR.

AH-AH-AH, RODENT! TO EARN AN AUDIENCE WITH ME, YOU'VE GOT TO PROVE YOU'VE STILL GOT IT!





OH, SWEET! IT WOULDN'T BE A DEATH EGG WITHOUT A SILVER SONIC TO FIGHT!

IT LOOKS FIERCER THAN THE ONE IN STATION SQUARE!*

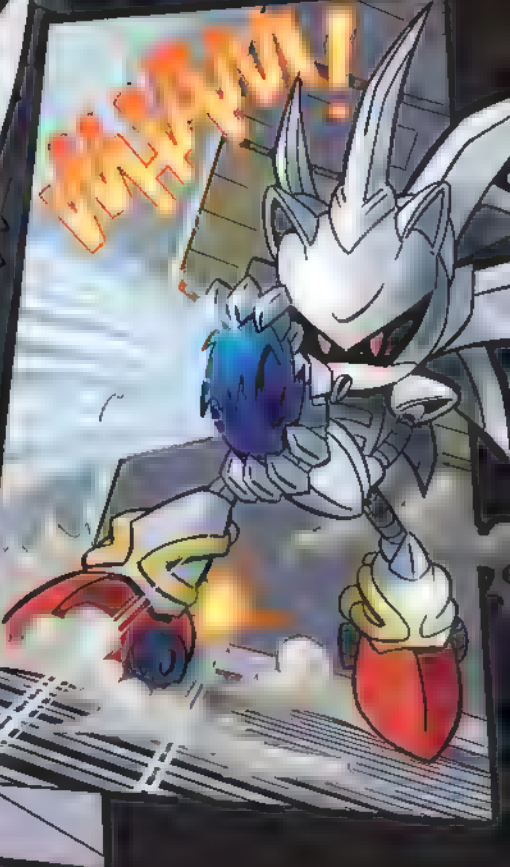
YEAH! AND THE ORIGINAL NEARLY SMASHED ME INTO CHILI-SAUCE. ** THIS IS GOING TO BE AWESOME!

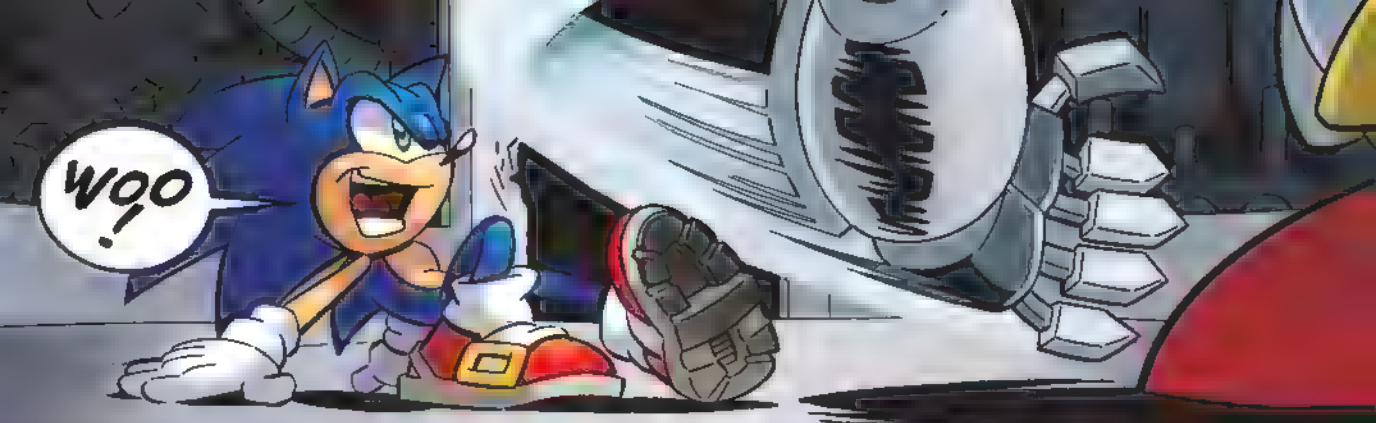
THIS ISN'T SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE!

*STH # 85. **DEATH EGG SAGA MINI-SERIES

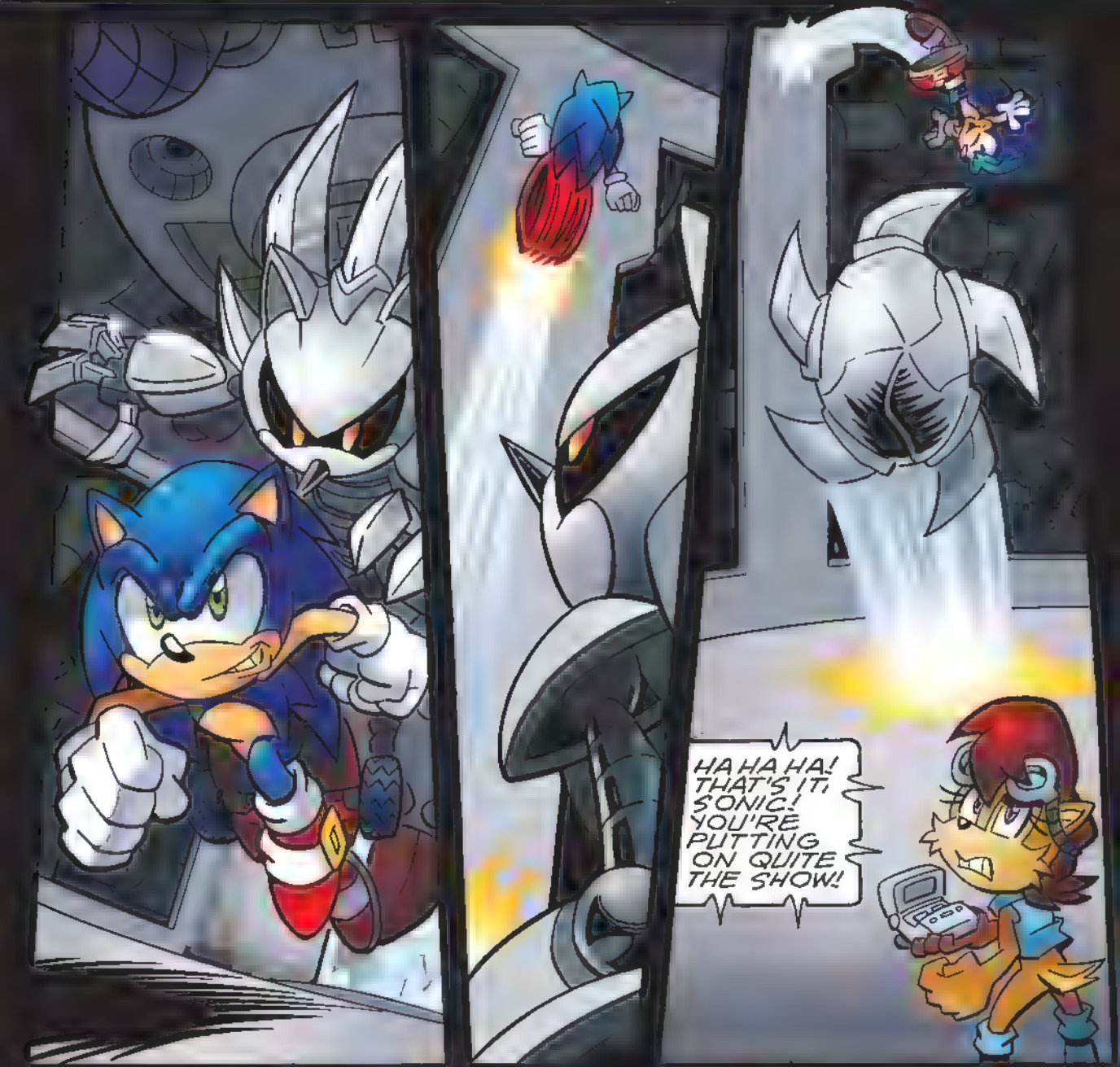


ARE YOU KIDDING? LOOK AT IT!

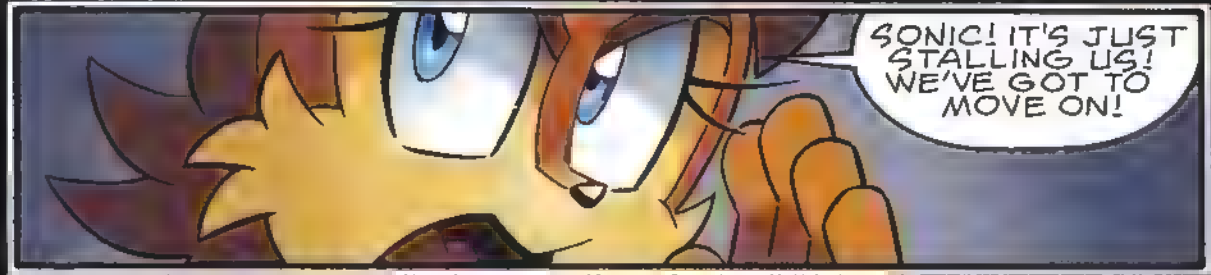




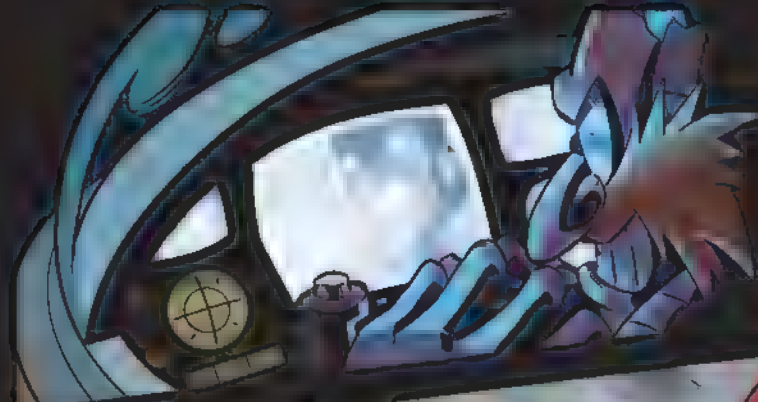
WOO!




HA HA HA!
THAT'S IT!
SONIC!
YOU'RE
PUTTING
ON QUITE
THE SHOW!



SONIC! IT'S JUST
STALLING US!
WE'VE GOT TO
MOVE ON!




NOW, NOW,
PRINCESS, DON'T
RUIN HIS FUN...!
AFTER ALL, YOU
MADE THIS
POSSIBLE.



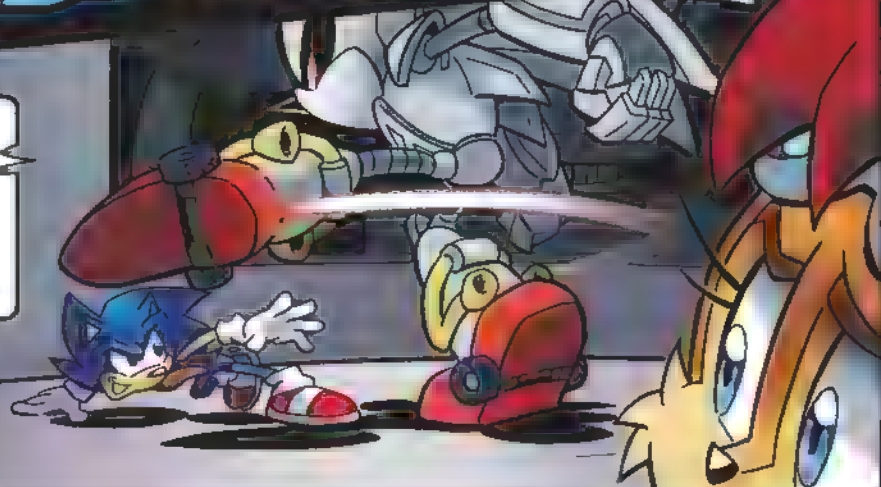
REMEMBER, IT WAS YOUR
CHARITY THAT LEFT ME IN
SNIVELY'S CARE WHEN I
HAD MY...LITTLE EPI-
SODE.* HAD YOU BEEN
RUTHLESS ENOUGH,
YOU COULD'VE ENDED
ME RIGHT THEN AND
THERE.

*KSTH #200



I SUPPOSE YOU
INHERITED THAT WEAK-
NESS FROM YOUR FATHER.
AFTER ALL, IF HE HADN'T
TAKEN IN THAT POOR OVER-
LANDER ALL THOSE YEARS
AGO, NONE OF THIS
WOULD'VE EVER
HAPPENED! **

**SONIC ARCHIVES
VOLUME 13.



YOU'VE HAD YOUR
MINOR VICTORIES,
TO BE SURE, BUT
ONLY BECAUSE YOU
HAD SONIC'S
SUPERIOR ABILITIES
TO MAKE UP FOR
YOUR WEAKNESSES.



AND YOU--
ACK!

SIR,
STAGE
ONE IS
FULLY
CHARGED
AND
READY.



MARVELOUS!

TH-
TH-THIS
WILL
AFFECT
US ALL,
YOU
KNOW...

OH,
GROW UP.
YOU WON'T
FEEL A
THING.

IT'S BEEN FUN, CHILDREN,
BUT THE WEAPON IS
ARMED, AND I MUST GET
TO FIRING IT. FAREWELL!



SONIC!
WE'RE
OUT OF
TIME!
WE'VE
GOT TO
MOVE!



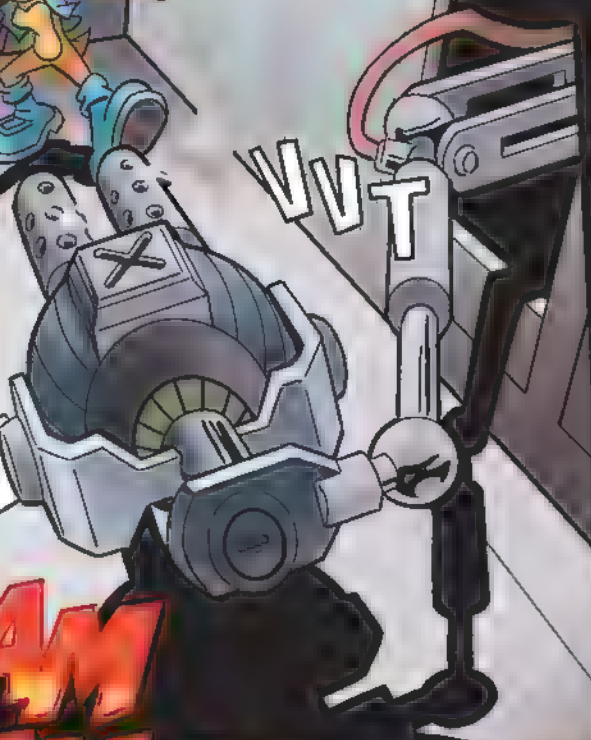
SORRY,
WHAT? JUST
A SEC! I'M
NOT DONE
WITH "TINY"
HERE.

I'M GOING AHEAD!
NICOLE,
CAN YOU
TRACK
WHERE HIS
VOICE WAS
COMING
FROM?

AH-AH! THAT'S
FAR ENOUGH!

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**BLAM
BLAM
BLAM**

SALLY!

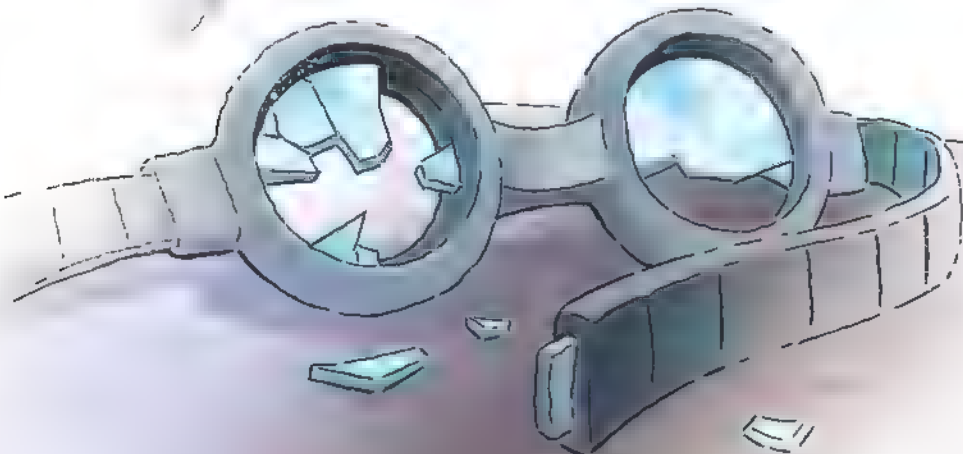
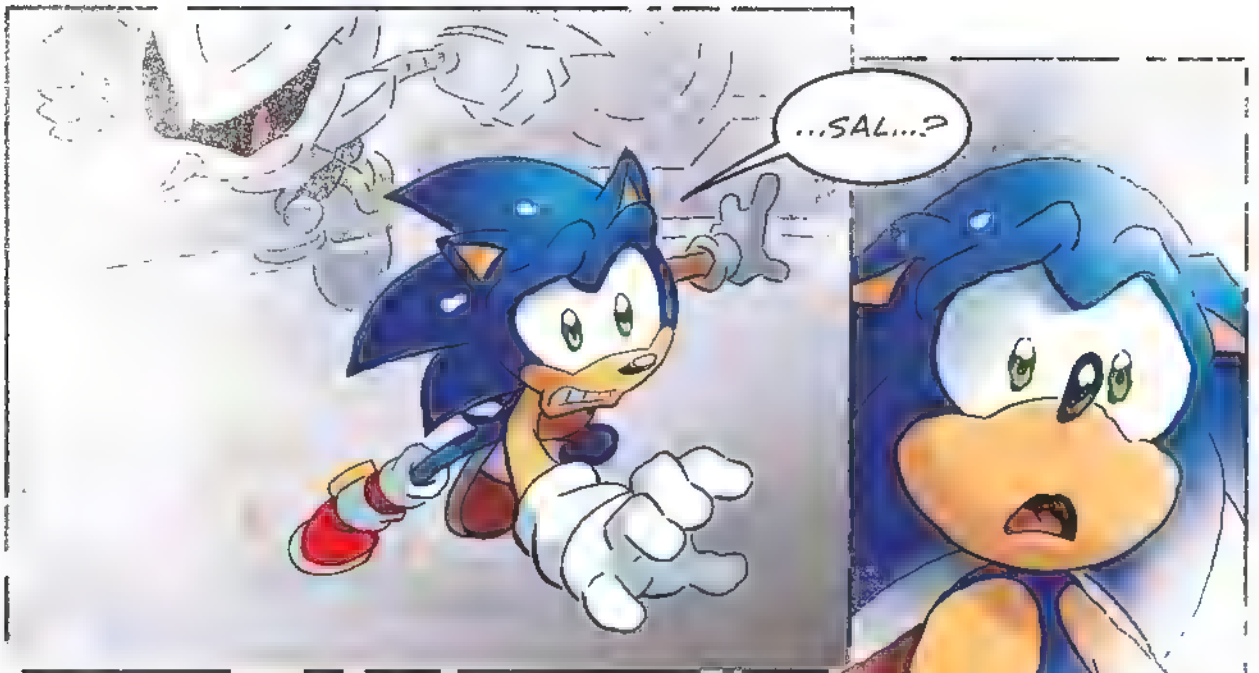


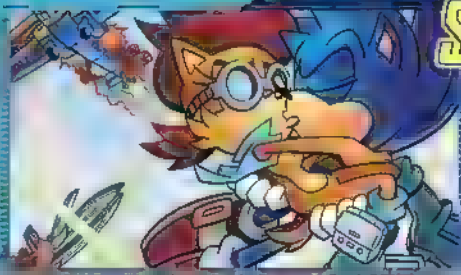
GRNK!



BOOP



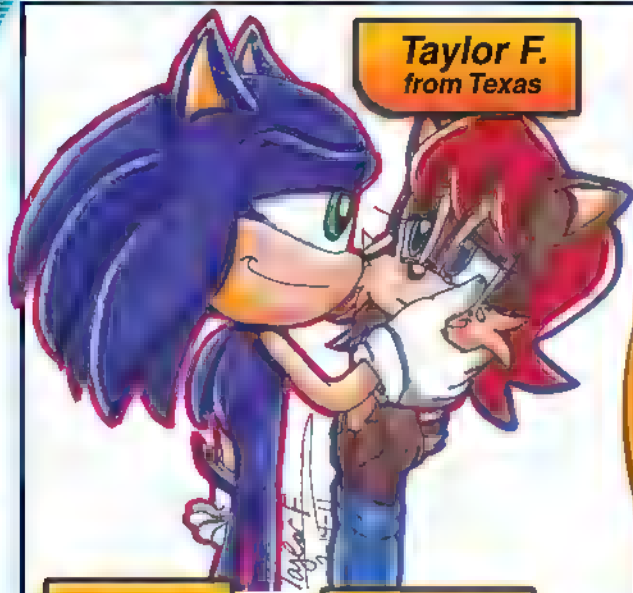




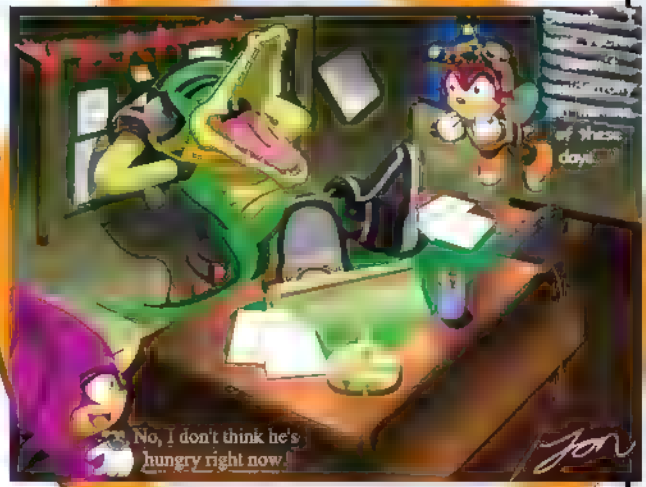
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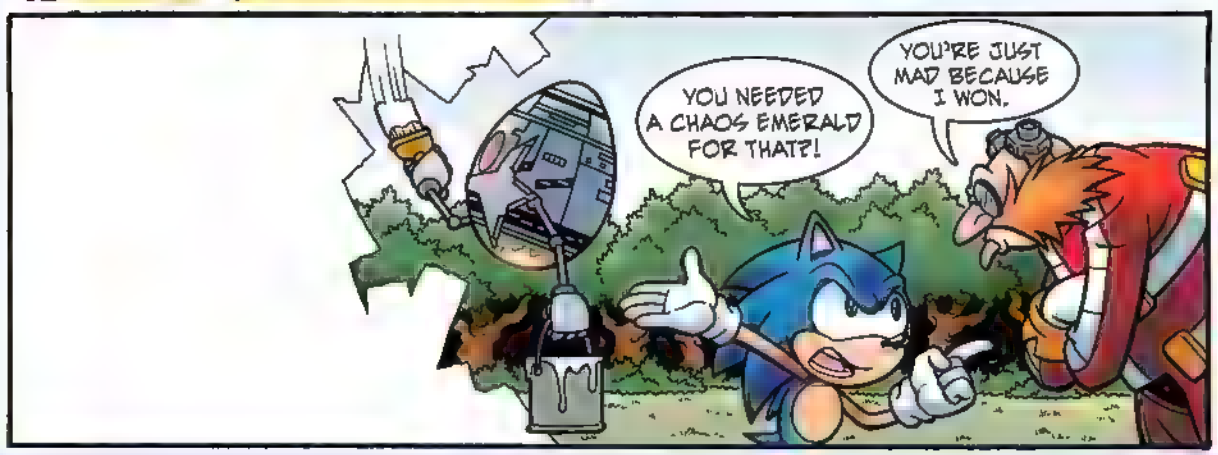
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Hey guys 'n' gals! Sonic-Grams will be running (heh) a little differently this month! In honor of Sonic's 20th Anniversary! I'm picking a bunch of bits from the Sonic-Grams e-mails so I can try and answer as many questions as possible!

Dear Sonic-Grams,
I am a big fan of the comics and was wondering-- could you show me an issue featuring sonic turning into a baby?

Aran O., Nebraska

Nope! But if you wanna see Sonic and the whole gang as kids, check out Sonic Super Specials 5 and 9 - coming soon to a Sonic Select Graphic Novel near you!

Dear Sonic-Grams,
Have you heard about Sonic Generations, the supposedly new Sonic game? Any idea what that will be like?

Lynda M., Oregon

It'll be the sweetest awesome-ni-fi-cation you've ever seen! Stay tuned to learn more about the game in future issues of SONIC!

Dear Sonic-Grams,
Sally is a cool character. How come she never ends up getting a bunch of boys knocking at her door? I mean, she's awesome. That's gotta mean something, right?

Gigi, Louisiana

Not sure if anyone'll be knocking now! ...What? Too soon?

Dear Sonic-Grams,
Does the 225 thing include (deep breath) EGGMAN MANIPULATING TIME SOMEHOW, OR SOMETHING, AND CAUSING THE PRIME REALITY TO BE THE REALITY IN THE VIDEO GAMES? 'CAUSE IF SO (no offense) I DON'T THINK I'M GONNA FORGIVE YOU GUYS. Sorry. Those were Sally's words (seriously).

Tak and Sally

To quote a certain Mr. John Hammond of a certain park that may or may not be "Jurassic"... after you read the entire Genesis arc, "I'll be accepting your apology!" :)

Dear Sonic-Grams,
Has Mephiles ever been in StH issues? If so, what issues?

Cody B., Ohio

Look sharp and you just might find him. Can't tell you where or when, though.

Dear Sonic-Grams,
What do Mammoth Mogul and Ixis Naugus have against Sonic in #220?

Alex, Kansas

I guess if I got beaten up by Sonic as many times as those two guys did I would be pretty mad too! Then again, I've never tried to take over the world...or HAVE I?... mwahahahahahaha

Dear Sonic-Grams,
How do you make the comics so cool?

Matthew H., ON, CANADA

Easy! We draw them in the Arctic! Ha!

Dear Sonic-Grams,
I saw a variant cover for StH #225, and it hints the death of a character. (Sonic, don't get mad at me for this, but it's hinting at Sally!) Is this true? (I hope not!)

Chloe from Virginia

Sure looks that way! Read on for the full scoop, though! Believe me the story doesn't end here!

Dear Sonic-Grams,
How many people approximately send you letters a day?

Oliver R., Dubai

You wouldn't believe me if I told you! But a lot!

Dear Sonic-Grams,
This question is for Scourage: Do you think you deserve to be on "LOCKDOWN"?

Alexis G.

Scourage would love to answer that but he only gets one call a day in Zone Jail and he used it to call his tooth sharpener!

Dear Sonic-Grams,
Why no Bivalve stories lately? He's awesome!
Tasha

Bivalve has been popping up in the background of issues for nearly a year now! Try and find him, folks!

See ya next month!

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THE WAIT IS OVER! GENESIS IS HERE!
YOU SIMPLY CANNOT MISS THE FIRST ISSUE OF THE MOST TALKED-ABOUT STORY IN SONIC HISTORY!
"SONIC: GENESIS" (PART ONE OF FOUR)
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HE'S MEAN! HE'S GREEN! AND HE'S BACK!
SCOURGE: LOCK-DOWN
EVIL SONIC, AKA SCOURGE, HAS BEEN IN ZONE JAIL SINCE HE PICKED A FIGHT WITH SONIC!! SO WHAT'S LIFE BEEN LIKE ON THE INSIDE?!

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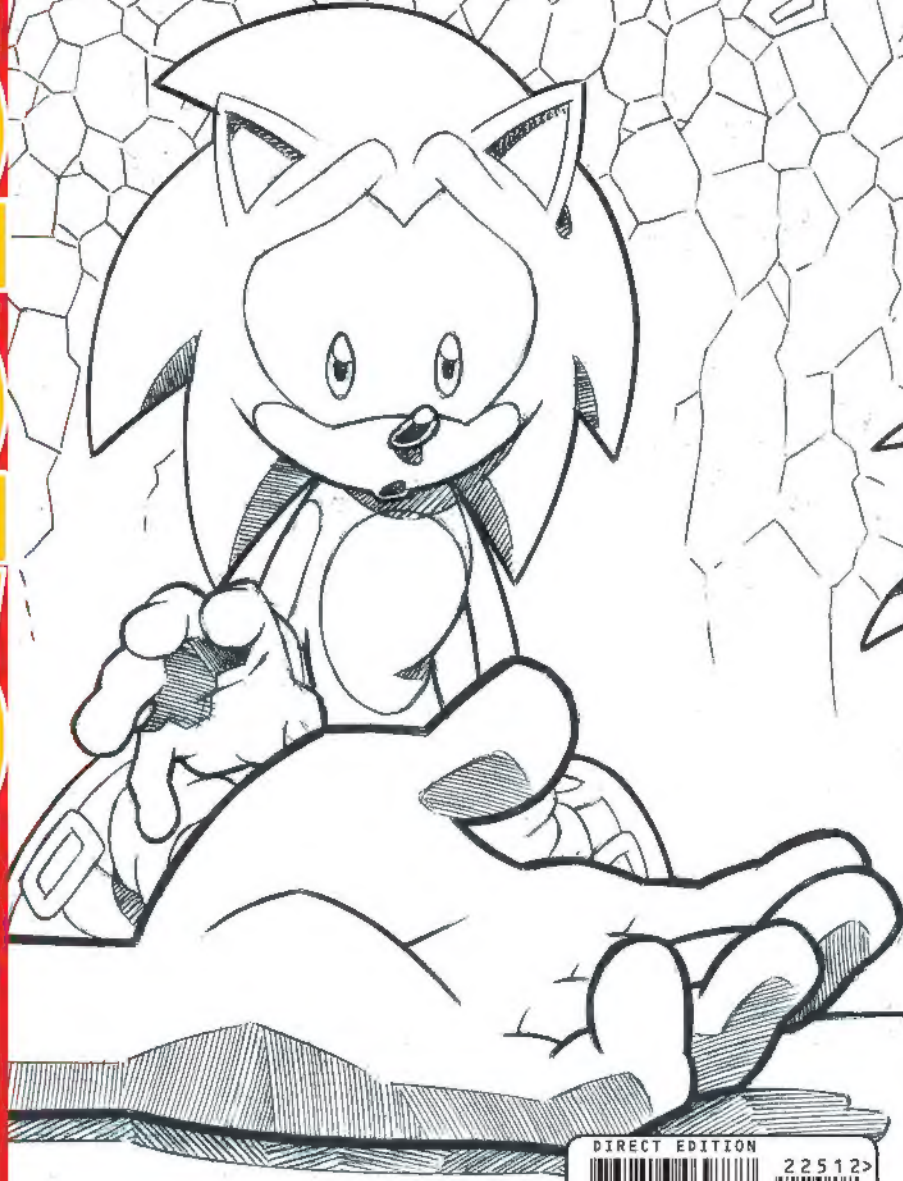
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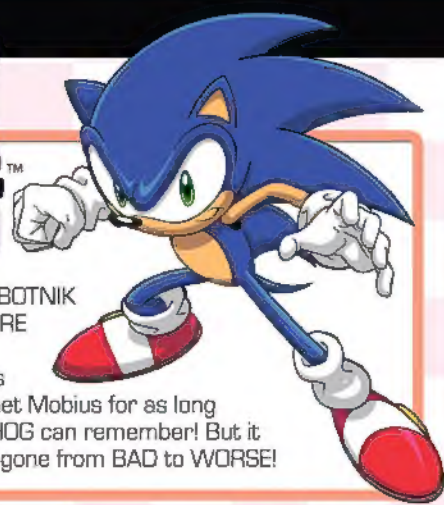
DR. EGGMAN
He's Got the Master Plan!



GEOFFREY ST. JOHN
Traitorous Skunk?



IXISS NAUGUS
The Wizard Who Could be King...



DR. IVO "EGGMAN" ROBOTNIK and his EGGMAN EMPIRE have threatened the freedom and happiness of everyone on the planet Mobius for as long as SONIC THE HEDGEHOG can remember! But it seems like things have gone from BAD to WORSE!

IT BEGAN WITH A BEATDOWN!

Sonic and Eggman fought what they thought was their final battle! Eggman's city had been reduced to ruin and only his EGGDOME bunker remained!

Sonic's victory drove Dr. Eggman to complete MADNESS! Our heroes had saved the world!

Or so they thought...



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AAAUGH!!!

THEN CAME THE IRON DOMINION!



Led by shrewd technomancer THE IRON QUEEN, the IRON DOMINION took over the EggDome and the empire!

With a legion of ninja, her partner THE IRON KING, and Eggman's own love-stricken nephew, SNIVELY, the IRON DOMINION conquered Sonic's city of New Mobotropolis!

Sonic, accompanied by SALLY, TAILS and MONKEY KHAN, led the heroes in their fight for freedom, traveling to the Dragon Kingdom to disrupt the Iron Queen's support from abroad!



EGGMAN: BACK FROM THE BRINK

In the chaos that ensued between the Freedom Fighters and the Iron Dominion, Dr. Eggman escaped! What was once a babbling, drooling shell of a man had "reasoned" his way back to sanity. Every failure, setback, and defeat -- all at the hands of Sonic -- suddenly made sense.

Taking Snively and "what was left" of his subordinate LIEN-DA, he snuck into the darkest corners of the EggDome and began to work in the shadows...



THE RETURN OF IXISS NAUGUS

With the IRON DOMINION defeated and EGGMAN in hiding, our heroes finally had a moment to rest!

But that didn't last long! Sonic was betrayed by former ally GEOFFREY ST. JOHN, who revealed himself to be a sleeper agent of the evil wizard IXISS NAUGUS! Manipulating pop-star MINA MONGOOSE and agitating leftover stress from the Iron Dominion invasion, this new duo began sowing seeds of fear into the minds of New Mobotropolis's citizens, all in a carefully planned attempt at making Naugus king!

TERROR FROM TWO SIDES!

Sonic turned his attention inward to deal with the crisis at home. In doing so, he forgot about the Eggman... And now, "The Doctor is in!"

Since the fall of the IRON DOMINION, the doctor's cyborg army, THE DARK EGG LEGION, began constructing massive docking stations across the planet. But why? What was EGGMAN doing all this time?

He has finished his greatest creation. With the BLUE CHAOS EMERALD powering its core, he has revealed the EggDome's true purpose!

What has been hiding in plain sight for over twenty-five issues launched with an earth-shattering force!

THE DEATH EGG HAS RETURNED.

